



BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY

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Belleville Area District Library

167 Fourth Street
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Library Hours:

Mon.-Thurs. 9:30 am-9 pm
Fri. & Sat. 9:30 am-6 pm
Sun. 1 pm-5 pm



Sumpter Media Center

23465 Sumpter Road
Belleville, MI 48111

Hours:

Mon., Wed., & Sat. 10 am-3 pm
Tue. & Thurs. 3 pm-8 pm

Library Board

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The library board meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

The library will be closed on the following days:

Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day
Thursday, July 4 – Independence Day
Monday, September 2 – Labor Day



Saturday, May 4, 9:30 am-3 pm
Stop in the Kids' Hub for a **free** comic book! Comics provided by Comic City in Canton.

Something for Everyone at Your Library!

Best Kept Secrets in Michigan Thursday, May 16, 6 pm

We welcome back Michigan Travel author Ron Rademacher for a new road trip program to explore places and attractions that the locals often don't know about. Destinations include a secret passage, a gigantic art park created from junk, Michigan's 3rd peninsula, the biggest pottery kiln in America, the megaphone in the woods, and much more.

Belleville Bluecoats: Local Civil War Soldiers & Their Stories Thursday, May 23, 6-7:30 pm

Join us for an intimate look into the library's Local Civil War Soldier Collection. BADL's Nikki Pickeral will kick off the program with insight on the collection, the people who made it happen, and how you can access it. Highlighting soldiers from the collection, Jeff Pollock of Detroit History Tours will give the audience a deeper understanding of these soldiers' experiences during the Civil War.



Jazz Night Wednesday, May 29, 7 pm

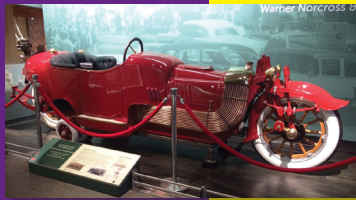
The sweet sounds of jazz will be filling the library once again as we welcome back The Phil Hale Quartet, presented by the Jazz Foundation of America.



Cool Cars: Unique Automobiles of the Detroit Historical Society Collection

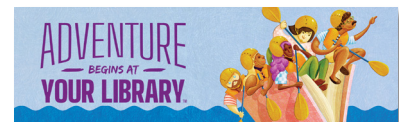
Wednesday, July 10, 6:30 pm

Did you know that the Detroit Historical Society is the caretaker of sixty unique automobiles? Most are rare, and many are even one-of-a-kind vehicles that exist in no other collection, including the first closed salon Cadillac, the Scripps-Booth Bi-AutoGo, and a pre-production Mustang prototype. Come learn more about this amazing collection from the Detroit Historical Society's Director of Collections, Jeremy Dimmick.



Adult Summer Reading Program – Adventure Begins at Your Library June 10 – August 18

It's not just kids who can earn rewards for reading this summer! Sign up for our Adult Summer Reading program through BeanStack, and earn virtual badges for finishing books and attending library programs. Prizes are awarded for participation. We have water bottles, canvas tote bags, passport holders, and lots of candy! Sign-up begins Monday, June 10, at the library or online at <https://bellevillemi.beanstack.org>. The last day to log a book or program attendance is Sunday, August 18.



Adult Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Saturday, June 15, 3 pm

Looking for a great summer read? Need a list of books to help you meet your Adult Summer Reading Program goals? Join your friendly BADL librarians for an afternoon of discussion, discovery and delectables!



Painting Party August 3, 10:30 am

Join artist Noelle Douglas as she leads you through the process of painting your very own canvas to take home with you.

All Ages Programs

Meet mermaids, pirates, magicians, and more at our all ages shows full of stories, music, animals, and magic! New this year – we've added some evening and weekend shows! No registration required.

Tuesday, June 18, 11 am **Storytime with Mermaid Molly:**

Meet Belleville Lake mermaid Molly for stories and fun.

Tuesday, June 25, 11 am **Wild Animal Super Powers with Howell Nature**

Center: What do Batman, Spiderman, and Cat Woman have in common? They base their powers on amazing wildlife adaptations and abilities! Learn all about wildlife "super powers" that help them survive in the wild.

Saturday, June 29, 11 am **A World of Music & Stories with Ms. Audrey:**

Go on an adventure with stories and musical instruments from around the world, including steel drum, kalimba, cuica drum, and more.

Tuesday, July 9, 11 am **Cirque Amongus Show:** Amazing circus skills, comedy, and audience participation make up this big top performance.

Tuesday, July 16, 11 am **Drumunity:** Grab a chair, join the drum circle, and make music together. It's rhythmic fun for everyone!

Saturday, July 20, 11 am **Pirate's Life:** Yo Ho! Learn "how to be a pirate" with some pirate flag magic, hilarious sword fighting, ridiculous tricks, and a mysterious Bermuda Triangle. Get a good laugh and learn all about what a circus pirate does when they are on the ship.

Tuesday, July 23, 6 pm **Indiana Joel's Magic Show:** Climb, run, and leap into reading with Indiana Joel's Magic Show. Adventure books of all sorts are brought to life with amazing magic, wacky stunts, upbeat music, and lots of audience participation.

Tuesday, July 30, 11 am & 6 pm **Cold-Blooded Creatures with the Metropark:** Get an up-close look at Michigan's reptiles and amphibians! You will learn about reptile and amphibian habitats, populations, diets, adaptations for survival, and more in this hands-on program. **Same show at both times, please only attend one.**

ADVENTURE
— BEGINS AT —
YOUR LIBRARY.



Adventure Begins at Your Library! Youth Summer Reading Program June 10 – July 31

Sign up and start reading on June 10! Visit <https://bellevillemi.beanstack.org> or use the Beanstack app to track your reading and begin earning prizes. Start claiming prizes on June 17.

Little's Programs

Thursdays at 11 am.

Ages 4 and under, siblings welcome.

June 20 **Storytime:** Listen to stories and sing along with Mrs. Karen.

June 27 **Music & Movement:**
Let's make some music and dance!

July 18 **Storytime**

July 25 **Music & Movement**

Teen and Tween Programs

Register at <https://belleville.evanced.info/signup>

Saturday, June 15, 2 pm **Teen Pizza & Board Games:** Play board games, eat pizza, hang out. Ages 12-18

Saturday, June 22, 2-3:30 pm **Kam Comics Class:** Are you interested in learning the fundamentals of cartooning and comic/manga books? Local and independent comic book artist Kamron Reynolds will introduce you to the world of comics. Learn how to draw your own characters, faces, backgrounds, lettering, and much more. Ages 9-18

Saturday, July 13, 2 pm **T(w)een Movie:** Movie TBA. Ages 9-18

Monday, July 15, 6 pm **Teen Candy Sushi:** Create something that looks like sushi, but it's all candy! Ages 12-18

Friday, July 26, 2 pm **T(w)een Movie:** Movie TBA. Ages 9-18

Saturday, July 27, 11 am **Tween Art Party:** Participate in an art craft with Miss Noelle. Ages 9-12

Computer Classes

We are offering stand-alone and series courses on a range of topics for beginning and intermediate students. *Registration is required.*
Please note: all classes will be held at our Sumpter Media Center at 23465 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111.

Computer Basics 1:

Introduction to Computers

Tuesday, June 4, 1:30 pm

Our introductory class is designed for the absolute beginner. Learn about the various types of computers, computer set-ups, and basic functions, and get lots of practice using the keyboard and mouse.

Computer Basics 2:

Navigating Your Computer

Tuesday, June 18, 1:30 pm

This is an introductory class that continues from Computer Basics 1. Learn to navigate the computer's desktop, explore available computer programs, and create and organize files. Participants must be proficient in using a mouse and keyboard!

Computer Basics 3: Internet and Email

Tuesday, July 2, 1:30 pm

This is the final class in our Computer Basics series. Learn about the internet, get tips and tricks to effectively search the internet using the various popular search engines, and find out about some of the email services available. Participants must be proficient in using a mouse and keyboard!

Microsoft Word 101

Tuesday, July 16, 1:30 pm

This introductory class will teach you the basics of Microsoft products and the "Ribbon." It will also teach you how to create and edit documents such as letters and resumes in Microsoft Word. Participants must be comfortable using a mouse and keyboard!

Microsoft Excel: Level 1

Thursday, August 1, 10 am

This intermediate level 1 course will teach you the basics of Microsoft Excel. You will learn how to create an Excel spreadsheet and use simple formulas. Participants must be comfortable using a mouse and keyboard and navigating a computer to locate and open Microsoft Excel.

Microsoft Excel: Level 2

Thursday, August 15, 10 am

This intermediate level 2 course will be a continuation of our Microsoft Excel: Level 1 course. Patrons will continue to learn how to modify an Excel spreadsheet and how to print successfully, and will be introduced to some more complex formulas. Prerequisite: Completion of our Microsoft Excel: Level 1 course.

Tame Your Email Workshop

Tuesday, May 14, 1:30 pm

Thursday, July 11, 1:30 pm

In this hands-on workshop we will cover tips and tricks for keeping incoming emails under control, as well as strategies for quickly finding and deleting current emails that you do not want or need.

Using Canva for Graphic Design Workshop

Thursday, May 9, 10:30 am

Join our hands-on workshop and learn to use the FREE online graphic design website Canva. Thousands of templates make it easy for even the design-challenged to create beautiful flyers, signs, Instagram stories, Facebook posts, logos, infographics, videos, business cards, t-shirts, documents, brochures... the list goes on!

Write Stuff Writers' Group

Calling all aspiring writers: Come enjoy the camaraderie and support of other area writers, and hone your skills with fun writing exercises and prompts. This group meets the last Saturday of every month from 1-2 pm. No registration required.

Book Groups

Evening Book Group

Meets the first Thursday of the month at the library at 7 pm. *Note date change to 2nd Thursday of the month.

- *May 9 – *Early Morning Riser* by Katherine Heiny
- June 6 – *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford
- *July 11 – *Life and Other Love Songs* by Anissa Gray
- August 1 – *This Time Tomorrow* by Emma Straub



Other Book Group

Meets at restaurants in the community on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. Check with the library for our next location!

- May 16 – *The End of Men* by Christina Sweeney-Baird
- June 20 – *The Rescue Artist* by Edward Dolnick
- July 18 – *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick
- August 15 – *Why Fish Don't Exist* by Lulu Miller

African American Literature Book Club

Meets the last Thursday every month at 7 pm.

- May 30 – *Black Candle Women* by Diane Marie Brown
- June 27 – *The American Queen* by Vanessa Miller
- July 25 – *The Fifth Season* by N. K. Jemisin
- August 29 – *Special Event! The Color Purple* by Alice Walker PLUS *The Color Purple* 2023 Movie!



"Cook the Book" Book Club

Enjoy cooking, baking, or just trying new recipes? Join us to try out a variety of cookbooks throughout the year! Cookbooks on our chosen theme are available for checkout before our in-person meetings. We'll discuss the books while sharing and tasting some of our favorite recipes. *Registration required.*

How Do You Like Your Eggs? June 24, 7 pm

Goopy Brownies August 26, 7 pm

Teen Comic Book Club

 Teens and Tweens (11-18 years old)

Monday, May 13, 6:30-7:30 pm

Last club meeting of the school year! Let's make a comic book or manga project. *Registration is required.*

Teen Rap Workshop

 Teens and Tweens (11-18 years old)

Saturday, May 18, 1-2 pm

Do you write? Sing? Rhyme? Like, all of the time? Come join us as we help you get your lyrics to shine. *Registration is required.*

Teen Zine Workshop

 Teens and Tweens (11-18 years old)

Monday, August 19, 6:30-8 pm

What's a Zine?! A noncommercial, often homemade publication devoted to specialized and often unconventional subject matter. Drop by and create your own personal zine or fanzine. If you can write or draw this might be a class to get your creative juices flowing. *Registration is required.*

Anime Party

 Teens and Tweens (11-18 years old) Saturday, August 24, 2-4 pm

Do you love Manga? Pocky? Anime? Cute characters? Stop by the Belleville Area District Library and celebrate all things related to Anime. We'll have snacks, drawing activities, games, drinks and more. Bring a friend and wear your favorite Anime/Manga outfit! *Registration is required.*

Chat from the Chair

Spring made quick visits all winter, toying with us especially during February and March. But now, after Easter and the Eclipse, we know it's here, windy days and all. Our collective mood is lighter and we're seeing more and more of our neighbors out and about. One thing that hasn't changed, however, is the humming along of programs inside our library. Our winter was busy and we are so grateful that so many of you participated in our planned activities, or simply came in out of the cold for some quiet moments or to pick up books or materials. Spring is equally busy, with many of our activities taking advantage of the warm fresh air on our terrace or our grounds. We hope that our presentations, workshops, films, meetings, and even concerts will continue to bring in wider sectors of our tri-community population. And we're always seeking fresh ways to deliver our services.



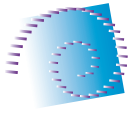
We are building up for our summer reading programs, which are set for every age, from our smallest children, to school aged kids, to teens and adults. Each program incentivizes reading with age-appropriate prizes and activities that celebrate the joy of reading. A full array of clubs and programs will be kicking off in the next weeks and months to keep minds active, even during the lazy days of summer. Check out the pages of this newsletter for more information.

Teens who are looking for things to do and ways to get together will find a wide variety of activities geared to them at the library. Our Kam Comics Class, Pizza & Board Games, Movies and Arts programs are just a few of the offerings set for the coming weeks and months.

Libraries are all about information, and in the present day, ever changing technology tools are available for accessing and managing data. This spring and summer, the Belleville Area District Library will continue to help our community members learn about and use emerging technologies. In this effort, we are blessed to have the resource of the Sumpter Media Center, where a wide selection of computer classes will be offered. Check these pages to find what appeals to you.

And don't forget to join us for Jazz on May 29th! You'll be glad you did!

Sharon Claytor Peters, Chair
Belleville Area District Library Board



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JOIN THE FRIENDS!

Join the Friends of the Library and help support the Belleville Area District Library in its mission to Engage, Empower, and Enrich the Belleville area community! Our Friends help make the Summer Reading Program possible, help at library events, and run the popular Used Book Sale at the library. For more information on this active group, go to <https://www.belleville.lib.mi.us/friends-of-the-library/>.

Used Book Sale

Saturday, May 4
Early access for Friends members:
11 am-Noon
General Public: Noon-3 pm
Sunday, May 5, 1-4 pm
Bag Sale! \$4/bag, Sunday only

PERENNIAL PLANT SWAP

Saturday, May 4, 12-1 pm
Gather with other gardeners, bring in your extra perennials, and take some new ones home to change up your garden! On the library lawn by the parking lot.

BADL Adult Literacy Program Informational Meeting, Wednesday, July 24, 7 pm

The Belleville Area District Library is preparing to restart our Adult Literacy Program. We need volunteer tutors. Please contact Jennifer Richardson, Outreach and Community Engagement Librarian at 734-699-3291 or jrichardson@belleville.lib.mi.us for more information or to volunteer.

Seed Saving Program Saturday, July 6, 4-5 pm

Help us maintain and improve our Seed Library! Now that your vegetables and flowers have started to produce blooms and food, learn how to save their seeds for your own garden next year and to donate back to the BADL Seed Library. Join us for a presentation by Magda Nawrocka-Weekes, from Slow Farm CSA in Ann Arbor, for an informative presentation on saving your seeds! Let's keep this going!



Introducing New Library of Things: Garden Tools, Seeds, Memory Kits

We are continuing to expand our Library of Things!

Seed Library: Take vegetable and flower seeds home to start your own plants and garden.

Garden Tool Collection: Borrow some tools to help you get your garden growing!

Memory Kit Collection: Check out a backpack full of items to help those with memory impairment remember and reminisce. Current themes: Spring, Winter, the Farm.



Shelter Pet Café Date and Time TBD

In the style of a cat café, register to reserve a 15-minute time slot for you or your family to meet and socialize with current residents of the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue (FMAR)! Although there will be no on-site adoptions, you may schedule an adoption appointment with FMAR, conveniently located in Sumpter Township, for a later date. All minors must be accompanied by an adult.